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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 4654

3. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI  
SUBJ: P-3 FLIGHTS TO KENYA AND SEYCHELLES

REF: (A) JCS 131640Z APR 77, (B) STATE 9879 (DTG 150242Z  
JAN 77)

1. FIRST P-3 FLIGHT TO KENYA TOOK PLACE SUCCESSFULLY AND  
WITHOUT PUBLICITY ON MARCH 23-24. AS INDICATED IN REF A,  
SECDEF HAS APPROVED COMMENCEMENT OF FLIGHTS TO SEYCHELLES.

2. GUIDELINES TO NAVY ON SCHEDULING FLIGHTS APPEAR TO BE  
SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH ORIGINAL INTENTIONS SET FORTH IN  
REF B AND AS OBTAINED IN ORAL AGREEMENT WITH BOTH GOVERNMENTS.  
FOR EXAMPLE, REF A STATES THAT ONE FLIGHT TO SEYCHELLES PER  
QUARTER IS REQUIRED, AND THAT GREATER FREQUENCY IS AUTHORIZED  
BY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. MOREOVER, HAVING RECEIVED THE  
FIRST FLIGHT TO KENYA ON MARCH 23-24, ANOTHER FLIGHT HAS BEEN  
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CLEARED FOR APRIL 17-18, LESS THAN A MONTH LATER. ALTHOUGH  
WE HAVE CAREFULLY AVOIDED COMMITTING OURSELVES TO KENYA OR  
SEYCHELLES ON ANY CEILING FOR FREQUENCY OF FLIGHTS, WE NOTE  
THAT REF B SPECIFIED INTENTION TO BEGIN WITH ONE FLIGHT PER  
QUARTER.

3. IF THERE ARE COMPELLING OPERATIONAL REASONS TO TRANSIT

SEYCHELLES OR KENYA MORE THAN ONCE A QUARTER, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONCUR SINCE WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MAXIMUM VALUE FROM P-3 ACCESS TO THESE TWO COUNTRIES. BUT WE WISH TO CAUTION AGAINST WEARING OUT OUR WELCOME BY STARTING WITH HIGH FREQUENCY UNLESS THIS IS ESSENTIAL. THEREFORE, IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE WILL EXERCISE DISCRETION IN SUBMITTING CLEARANCE REQUESTS TO HOST GOVERNMENTS, SEEKING AS A RULE TO SPACE VISITS AT THREE-MONTH INTERVALS UNLESS INFORMED OF OVERRIDING OPERATIONAL INTEREST IN SCHEDULING A SPECIFIC FLIGHT AT AN EARLIER DATE.  
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